

## Jackson County Public Library Complex Was Officially Dedicated To The People of Jackson County

By Betty Screven



*Library sign, located by the fountain, identifies the complex. This photo was taken on Grand Opening Day.*

Saturday, June 11, 2011, the date of the Grand Opening Ceremony for the Jackson County Public Library Complex, will long be remembered. Throughout the day, the air was filled with excitement, anticipation and unbelievable joy!

Dew still glistened on the grass and fog still shrouded the mountain tops when volunteers started arriving to set up for the event. Trucks pulled into the parking lot to unload flower baskets, green plants, sound equipment, bottled water, chairs, tents and even an ivy-covered bunny rabbit. Soon parking attendants arrived to direct traffic and hostesses to greet and guide our distinguished guests. As I looked around, I noticed that many of these volunteers were the same ones who helped set up the Ground Breaking Celebration on May 16, 2009, just two years earlier.

Later, as the formal ceremony was about to begin under the portico at the top of the courthouse steps, a crowd gathered to bear witness to the important event. The Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet opened the ceremony by playing a fanfare written for the occasion. Folks from local, state and national levels were among the special

guests on the stage. The speeches included heart-felt remarks about the hard work and dedication of Jackson County citizens who made this library a reality; about the preservation of an historic building; about the state-of-the-art library; about the uniqueness of the complex and its picturesque setting; but, most of all, about the positive effect this library will have on all of the people of Jackson County, now and in the future.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, Howard Allman, Chair of the Jackson County Library Board, invited all of the people to come inside to explore and experience their new library complex. And they did!



*Dottie Brunette, Jackson County Librarian, with the help of Mary Otto Selzer and Howard Allman, cut the ribbon to officially open the new Jackson County Public Library Complex on June 11, 2011.*

**Note:** Pages 4 and 5 show faces of patrons, mostly children, during Grand Opening Day. The expressions on their faces tell a story. Enjoy!

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## Getting to Know You...

Elizabeth "Liz" Gregg, the Jackson County Assistant Librarian, discovered her love for library work while she was employed part time in the Radford Virginia Public Library. Liz had just received her undergraduate degree from Radford University when she decided to pursue library services as a career. She wanted to validate her philosophy - "Education is an opportunity to empower yourself and improve the world around you."



She moved to Chapel Hill, NC in order to study for a Masters of Library Science degree at UNC. After receiving her MLS, she began her fulltime career at Braswell Public Library in Rocky Mount, NC.

During her employment at Braswell Library Liz served as the Educational Services Librarian. Her achievements included building up their social networking presence; creating a homework center for sixth through twelfth graders; expanding the young adult fiction section; managing the reference and teen area; and working on a digital photography project. Because of her efforts, there was a 12% increase in young adult library usage.

When Liz expresses her feelings about the new Jackson County Public Library Complex she says, "Personally I like the infusion of art that's in the library. This library itself is a work of art. Nobody has built a library like this since the days of Carnegie." Liz says that the new library is a testament to the value the community sees in the work that the librarians do.

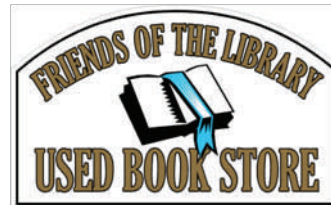
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As Assistant County Librarian Liz manages the Youth and Adult Services Depart-

ments; the Reference Area; the Teen Area; and the Computer Lab. She feels honored to have been selected for this position and to be a part of the fabulous new facility.

Liz plans on devoting her professional life to library services at the Jackson County Public Library for at least the next ten years. Her vision is to help grow and change the services the library is providing by opening communication with the community to find out what the patrons want.

Liz declares, "This is an exciting time for the library and for the community!"



## Used Book Store Receives Large Donation of Near Perfect Books

The Friends of the Library Used Book Store has just received a large donation of books which should appeal to history buffs. This collection includes some historical fiction books and many non-fiction history books, along with biographies and teacher education. The history books deal with U.S. history, military history, the Civil War and World War II. Many are first editions; some are signed copies.

This very generous donor, a former history teacher, will have contributed approximately 2,000 books by the end of the summer. Many of these books are in near perfect condition, and most have never been opened.

Be sure to check back at the store often as we continue to price and shelve these wonderful titles.

### ***Calling All Collectors ...***

***The Library exhibit, "Jackson County Collects," has been so popular we want to feature a second round of collections. If you have a collection you would like to share, please email or phone me about it.***

***[junesmith41@gmail.com](mailto:junesmith41@gmail.com) or 293-5550. Several patrons have already let me know of their collections, and we have room for more.***

## *Dewey Decimal App Revealed*

Fourteen-year-old Cullowhee resident David Philyaw has done his mother a favor, and in the process helped book-lovers worldwide. Jessica Philyaw is a new employee at the JCPL, and in honor of her new job and of the opening of the new library building in downtown Sylva, David has created a smartphone app that helps users learn the Dewey Decimal Classification system.

The app is available for iPhone and iPod Touch (via iTunes) and for other smartphones on the Android operating system, via the Android Marketplace. A search for "David Philyaw" will lead you to the right place. If you want to check it out, click on the following:

Android version:

[https://market.android.com/details?id=Dewey.Philyaw&feature=search\\_result](https://market.android.com/details?id=Dewey.Philyaw&feature=search_result)

iOS (for iPod Touch and iPhone) version:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dewey/id441655107?mt=8&ls=1> ]

The Dewey Decimal Classification system is a method for classifying books and information in libraries. Named after Melvil Dewey (1851-1931), the librarian who developed it, the DDC is one of the most commonly used classification systems in libraries worldwide. In the United States, it is used in most school media centers and public libraries.

The scheme is based on academic disciplines, dividing materials into various branches of traditional academic study. There are 10 main classes (000, 100, 200, . . . 900), with each of these further divided into ten divisions, and each division is broken down into ten sections. Decimals further divide each section for extremely specific designations. Knowing how Dewey works enables a library user to locate materials on the shelf as well as understand the relationship between materials, based on their Dewey numbers.

"I made the app to teach myself and other people something about how Dewey works," said David. "But it isn't meant to be used by professional book catalogers. They need to use more specialized material meant specifically for librarians." He points out that officially, Dewey Decimal Classification is a registered trademark of OCLC (the Online Computer Library Center). According to its website, part of the fundamental public mission of OCLC is

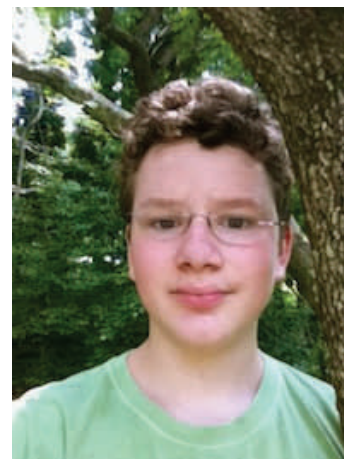
"furthering ease of access to and use of the ever-expanding body of worldwide scientific, literary and educational knowledge and information."

"When I took the job, I was surprised that there wasn't already an app to help with learning Dewey," said Jessica, who recently graduated with a degree in library science. "My concentration was in academic libraries, rather than public libraries, and most academic libraries don't use Dewey, so I never learned it thoroughly," she says.

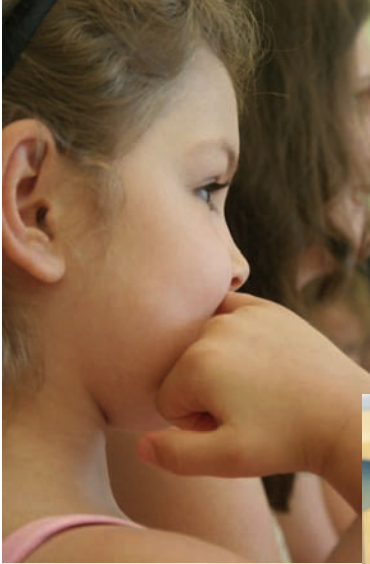
David's app lists each of the ten main classes. When you touch one of them, you get a list of the ten sections under, and related to, that class, and so on. It's an interesting, but sometimes confusing way to organize books. For example, at first look, it might seem strange that cookbooks are generally in the 641's. 600 is the broad category for Technology, and 640 is titled "Household/Family Living." 641 is "Food/Drink." Other categories in the 640s include Household Furnishings (645), Sewing/Clothing (646), and Housing/Household Equipment (643). Taken as a whole, the classification system is fairly logical, but it helps to have a basic understanding of how it is organized.

David enjoys programming apps for educational uses. He created one listing the Presidents, which was inspired by his history teacher at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, who worked with students every Friday for the entire school year to memorize the Presidents in order and recite them in order as fast as possible. By the end of the year, the class speed record was down to 58 seconds.

David says the Dewey app was a fun project and he looks forward to sharing it with others.



**David Philyaw, designer of the Dewey Decimal Application**





## Farewell and Best Wishes...

We are sad to announce that Sandra Burbank, the Second Vice President and Bookstore Chair, is leaving the Friends of the Library. She and her husband, Ken, are moving to West Lafayette, Indiana where he has taken a job at Purdue University.



Sandra has been active in the Friends for a number of years. When she took over as Chair of the Bookstore Committee, she dedicated her efforts to making the bookstore the best it could possibly be, and, as you know, her plan became a reality. She has spent an unbelievable number of hours working at the bookstore – organizing, sorting, researching, pricing, consulting, and keeping an eye on things.

We wish Sandra and Ken the best as they begin this new phase of their life in Indiana. We will miss you, Sandra.



*The Friends of the Library Volunteer Luncheon was held on Saturday, July 9, at the new Jackson County Public Library Complex. Those who attended helped in all areas of Friends and library activities. Myrtle Schrader, Social Chair, organized this lovely event.*

*In the photo Sandra Burbank receives flowers from Jeri Winkels, Bookstore Volunteer Coordinator. Antoinette MacWatt, left, new Bookstore Chair, looks on.*



## Life Savers Provide Smooth Transition at Library

The Life Saver Volunteers at the Jackson County Library Complex have truly lived up to their name. They have provided a smooth transition for the staff from a Soft opening to Grand Opening to now Daily Operations. Greeters and Shelves are on the floor daily Monday through Friday, with their positive attitudes and eagerness to assist patrons. The staff could not be more appreciative, I hear rave reviews of the volunteers each time I come into the building. The word grateful is resonated.

We are always taking applications for new Volunteers; you can find them at the Library circulation desk and the Friends of Library Book Store. Another shift for Greeters from 1-3 p.m. has been added, because we realize that so many new patrons need guidance as they enter the complex. And we have found that having a Greeter makes the experience for the patron even more enjoyable. There are volunteers that will head south for the winter months and we will need to fill the void. In addition, there will be training for book repair and covering on the calendar soon. And now we are looking for volunteers to work Saturdays. All you need is a positive attitude, a smile, a desire to work within the beautiful confines of architectural style, history and plethora of books. Our shifts are flexible M-TH 11-1, 1-3, 3-5, T/TH eve. 5-7, F/S 11-1, 2-4 .

If you need further assistance in finding out about volunteering please contact me Jeni Silver, Volunteer Coordinator for the Jackson County Public Library [jeniasilver@aol.com](mailto:jeniasilver@aol.com) 941-544-5998 (cell).

**Jackson County Public Library  
Adult Services Programs  
June – August, September, 2011**

<b>Monday, June 20, 7 pm</b>	<b>Lloyd Arneach Cherokee Storytelling</b>
<b>Thursday, June 30, 7 pm</b>	<b>Sweet Tater Band</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 12, 7 pm</b>	<b>Brian Bartel-Woodworking Using Hand Tools</b>
<b>Thursday, July 14, 7 pm</b>	<b>Pete Friedman-Guitar Music Acoustic, Slide, Electric</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 19, 7 pm</b>	<b>Keith Shuler, Musical Program</b>
<b>Thursday, July 21, 7 pm</b>	<b>Barn Cats - Old-Time String Band</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 26, 7 pm</b>	<b>Gail Johnston-Spinning (Loom)</b>
<b>Thursday, July 28, 7pm</b>	<b>Nan Smith –Beading Seed Bead and Crystal Earrings</b>
<b>Thursday, August 4, 7 pm</b>	<b>Emiko Suzuki-Origami (limited to 15 people) *</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 9, 7 pm</b>	<b>Susan Leveille-Weaving-Hand</b>
<b>Thursday, August 11, 10 am</b>	<b>Peggy Hurt-Tree Walk</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 16, 7 pm</b>	<b>Susan Leveille-Weaving Demo</b>
<b>Thursday, August 18, 7pm</b>	<b>Sally Salyards-Plastic Canvas Cross-Stitch</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 23, 7 pm</b>	<b>Sandra Beck-Knitting 1</b>
<b>Thursday, August 25, 7 pm</b>	<b>Sandra Beck-Knitting 2</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm</b>	<b>Peter Loewer - Fall Gardening</b>
<b>Thursday, September 1, 7 pm</b>	<b>Kelley Penn - Bee Keeping &amp; Honey</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 6, 7 pm</b>	<b>Becky Lipkin – Growing and Making Use of Herbs</b>

\* Reservations required. See Edie Peden or call her at 586-2016.

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Friday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 12 noon—4:00 p.m.

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**We're on the web!**  
[fojcml.org](http://fojcml.org)



**The Friends website is under renovation and should be ready in the near future. It will have a fresh new look, improved images, new content and more.**

**We will let you know the details as soon as they are available.**